

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the sentence at page 2, before the first line, with the following amended sentence:

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Please replace the paragraph at page 9, lines 5-16, with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 2 shows the arrangement of the master cylinder 2 with respect to a pedal 1b in the manner described above; as before, an energy accumulator 3a is provided and forms a second joint 16b with a cam follower 13b which has a rolling cam 19a cooperating with a roller 18a at the arm 11 of the pedal 1b. Due to the high spring forces of the energy accumulator 3a, the cam follower 13b with its rolling cam 19a is pressed against a roller 18a at the arm 11 of the pedal 1b and in this way forms a kinematic arrangement 12b by which a boosting force K is generated on the arm 11 which, depending on the design of the rolling cam ~~9a~~ 19a, can be adapted to the requirements in the system in any area of the path of the pedal 1b. Apart from the variability of the design of the rolling cam 19a, it is by means of the suspension of the cam follower 13b in the first joint 15b at the chassis of the motor vehicle that changes can be brought about in the characteristic of the boosting force K depending on space requirements. The boosting force K is then expressed as an added torque at the arm 11 of the pedal 1b when the latter is actuated.